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OCTOBER 21, 1974

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT ITS OCTOBER 21 MEETING, CHAIRED
BY THE NETHERLANDS REP (DE VOS), THE AD HOC GROUP
(AHG) CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THREE TALKING POINTS
PAPERS FOR THE OCTOBER 22 INFORMAL, APPROVED THE
CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT (TEXT IN MBFR VIENNA A-15),
AGREED TO CABLE A SHORT GROUP ANALYSIS OF THE EASTERN
INITIAL REDUCTION PROPOSAL, AND HEARD REPORTS ON
FRG/POLISH BILATERAL (TEXT BY AIRGRAM) AND NETHERLANDS
REP'S BILATERALS WITH POLISH AND GDR REPS. THE FIRST
TWO TALKING POINTS PAPERS FOR THE OCT 22 INFORMAL DEALT
WITH THE EASTERN INITIAL REDUCTIONS PROPOSAL BY

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STRESSING ITS NEGATIVE ASPECTS AND CLOSE RESEMBLANCE

TO THE EARLIER EASTERN FIRST STEP PROPOSALS, AND ALSO BRIEFLY NOTED THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE NEW EASTERN PROPOSAL. THE THIRD TALKING POINTS PAPER RECALLED THE OCT. 15 WESTERN PRESENTATION ON GROUND FORCE RE-DEFINITION AND ENCOURAGED THE EAST TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE.

2. THE GROUP ALSO APPROVED WITH MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES A PAPER, SUBMITTED BY UK AND CANADIAN REPS, WHICH CONTAINS A STANDARD RESPONSE FOR EASTERN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TIMING OF REDUCTIONS FOR THE UK AND CANANDA (TEXT IN MBFR VIENNA A-14).

3. DE VOS REPORTED THAT, IN HIS BILATERALS, GDR REP (OESER) HAD EXPRESSED A READINESS IN THE CONTEXT OF EASTERN INITIAL REDUCTION PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS EQUAL PERCENTAGE (AS OPPOSED TO EQUAL NUMBER) REDUCTIONS IF SUGGESTED BY WEST, AND POLISH REP (STRULAK) HAD ASSERTED THAT NEW EASTERN PROPOSAL REQUIRED SPELLING OUT OF POST REDUCTION NATIONAL CEILINGS.

4. FINALLY, AHG DISCUSSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS, PUT TO GROUP FOR OTTAWA BY CANADIAN REP (GRANDE), ON EASTERN INITIAL REDUCTION PROPOSAL. GROUP ALSO HEARD OTTAWA'S INITIAL REACTION, WHICH CORRESPONDED TO CAUTIOUS CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT OCT. 17 AHG MEETING (MBFR VIENNA 330). DETAILED REPORT OF OCTOBER 21 AHG MEETING BEING SENT BY AIRGRAM. END SUMMARY.RESOR

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